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SUBJECT: CHILE POLICY REVIEW

REF: A) STATE 74045

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FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS TO AMBASSADOR POPPER.

1. IN RECENT DAYS I HAVE GIVEN MUCH THOUGHT TO OUR CHILE POLICY IN LIGHT OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THAT COUNTRY, THE EMBASSY'S CASP SUBMISSION, THE MOST RECENT NIE ON CHILE AND THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE CONGRESSIONAL PRESENTATION CYCLE FOR FY 1976. I HAVE CONCLUDED THAT IT WOULD BE MOST USEFUL IF WE HAD AN IN-HOUSE, IN-DEPTH REVIEW OF THE CURRENT SITUATION IN CHILE, WHERE IT IS LIKELY TO GO, AND HOW OUR POLICIES SHOULD BE SHAPED TO RESPOND TO THE REALITIES HERE AS WELL AS THERE. THEREFORE, I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF YOUR PROXIMATE WASHINGTON CONSULTATION FOLLOWING THE LAMBDA EXERCISE, TO ENGAGE IN SUCH A REVIEW WITH YOU PERSONALLY AND WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF A SMALL GROUP OF KEY DEPARTMENT OFFICERS INCLUDING HEW RYAN AND AL FISHLOW, AMONG OTHERS. THE IG REVIEW OF THE CHILE CASP, NOW SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 30, WILL BE POSTPONED UNTIL

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SOMETIME IN MID-JULY TO ENABLE US TO HAVE OUR DISCUSSION

FIRST.

2. ACCORDINGLY, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF YOU CAN COME
PREPARED TO DISCUSS WITH US IN SPECIFIC TERMS THE EXISTING

POLITICAL SITUATION IN CHILE IN ALL ITS ASPECTS INCLUDING
THE ROLES AND ACTIVITIES OF THE POLITICAL PARTIES,
PROSPECTS FOR CHANGE IN THE SHORT AND MEDIUM TERM, THE
ALTERNATIVES TO THE JUNTA, THE ADEQUACY OF OUR PRESENT
POLICIES OR CHANGES WHICH MAY BE DESIRABLE IN THE LIGHT
OF THE EXISTING SITUATION IN CHILE, THE ADEQUACY OF THE
EMBASSY'S STAFF TO CARRY OUT ITS FUNCTIONS AND THE
PERCEPTIONS FROM SANTIAGO OF THE WORLD'S VIEW OF CHILE,
INCLUDING THE ATTITUDES AND ACTIVITIES, AS FAR AS THEY
ARE KNOWN, OF ANTI-JUNTA CHILEANS LIVING ABROAD.

3. I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR VIEWS ON THE FOREGOING IN
ADVANCE OF OUR MEETING AS WELL AS ANY SUGGESTIONS YOU
MAY HAVE ON HOW OUR REVIEW SHOULD BE STRUCTURED. REPLY
EXDIS STADIS FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS ONLY. KISSINGER

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